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Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, held a reception at Butler Gardens before the annual Sunset Concert at Pendleton Hall, where Marine Band San Diego played music from movies *Pfc. John Chretien/Combat Camera*

## Navy officer retires in front of Iwo Jima veteran father

BY PFC. ALICIA SMALL  
*Chevron staff*

From the bloody shores of Iwo Jima in 1945, to sunny San Diego in 2006, two generations of one family served in America's armed forces to ensure the United States remained free.

Battles fought by brave men from February to March of 1945, gave America control of the island of Iwo Jima and airfields located there, which provided a strategic landing and refueling site for American bombers on missions in the Pacific Ocean.

The island was paid for by the blood of thousands of America's Marines and sailors. One man who fought on Iwo Jima attended his daughter's retirement from the Navy at the depot chapel July 7.

Lt. Cmdr. Eleanor M. Bracken retired as the recruit processing division officer for the depot, after 26 years of service in the Navy and was proud to have her father, George H. Hopkins, present with her for her momentous day.

She wanted to do something special for her dad and planned to recognize him during the ceremony. It went beyond just recognition.

To Bracken's surprise, a U.S. flag had been flown on Iwo Jima's

Mount Surabachi and sand was bottled from its beaches. Both were presented to her father by Col. Warren J. Foersch, director for depot operations.

When Foersch was approached about the retirement ceremony and Bracken's desire to acknowledge her father, he made arrangements to receive the flag and sand.

Bracken mentioned during the ceremony that her father's service as a Marine corporal in the infantry gave her motivation to join the Navy.

Everything her father went through in World War II inspired her to strive for perfection during her career. She credits her father as her reason for constructing a good work ethic, which provided her with a successful career, according to Bracken.

Receiving her final tribute as a naval officer aboard the depot was perfect since it was where her father began his four years as a Marine.

"It was only fitting to end my career in the place where my father's began," she said.

Bracken plans to move with her husband and two children onto their ship the "Sapphire" to the Jacksonville area in Florida. After taking a break from work, she intends on finishing her schooling and earning her master's degree in healthcare.

## Blood recipients speak on importance of donating

BY LANCE CPL. JAMES GREEN  
*Chevron staff*

After being informed of the location of an improvised explosive device in the local area in Karma, Iraq, Marine officials ordered a counter-IED patrol be dispatched.

Soon after the patrol began, Pfc. Jeffrey P. Huben, anti-tank assaultman, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines found himself a victim of the wrath of an anti-tank mine October 6.

Seriously injured and in need of urgent surgery and medical evacuation, Huben was taken from what was left of the vehicle struck by the IED and brought to a nearby military hospital where he received nearly five and a half pints of blood.

"It saved my life," said Huben.

Suffering from permanent damage in three of his four

limbs, and a partial loss of hearing and sight, Huben now serves as a training clerk and combat readiness trainer at Headquarters and Service Bn. on the depot.

In the process of recovering from a near-death experience, Huben is eternally grateful to those who donate blood as he once did before he received some.

"They're life savers," said Huben. "They are saving lives, not even knowing who the other person is. They are good people."

Human blood is something that cannot be duplicated in a lab. Depot donors are necessary to keep Marines alive after accidents overseas and stateside.

The blood donated through Naval Medical Center San Diego by blood-mobile drives and in-office visits at Balboa Hospital, is used for Department of Defense employees, their dependents and retirees, said Doreen M. Rekoski, blood donor recruiter, NMCS.

Fresh blood is flown to Iraq weekly for injured Marines and sailors, so they too have a chance for survival.

"The more blood is needed, the less we have," said Rekoski.

There is a dire need for blood donors, especially in the summer, said Rekoski. The small donor population, people deferred due to the countries visited outside the U.S. and vaccinations undergone by some service members causes the amount of blood received to be lower than anticipated, she added.

Lance Cpl. Nels C. Brannan, rifleman, 2nd Bn., 7th Marines, was also a recipient of blood after he suffered injuries in Iraq. While serving as a squad leader for a security defense unit, Brannan lost his left pinky finger to a flash-bang grenade, which accidentally detonated in his hand during pre-combat inspections.

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# Band performs Independence Day concert

BY SGT. ASHLEY UNFRIED  
*Chevron Staff*

The sun had set, the grills were cooling and the lawn chairs were in place as everyone anxiously awaited the final act of the evening.

Marine Band San Diego performed for a large crowd as part of the Independence Day festivities outside the California Center of Performing Arts, Escondido, Calif., July 4.

“We are here to support them, and they are here to support us,” said Staff Sgt. Joey A. Payton, enlisted conductor for the band.

As the band took the stage, the crowd offered their approval. For some, this was the first time they saw a Marine band perform. For others, this was the pinnacle of their Independence Day celebration.

“I love seeing the band perform,” said Cassandra M. Dolan, wife of Cpl. Daniel J. Dolan, a percussionist in the band. “They always find a way to bring out the spirit of the holiday.”

Along with many well-known marches and patriotic selections, the band spiced up the night with a Spanish



Fireworks erupted after the band played its Independence Day show. Sgt. Ashley Unfried/Chevron

two-step and an Irish melody.

There was a little something for everyone, said Payton.

When the band played “Armed Forces ’72,” a medley of the five service songs, many members of the audience rose for recognition of their time served.

The band brought the evening to an end with America’s national march, the “Stars and Stripes Forever,” by John Philip Sousa.

“It was an honor to perform,” said Lance Cpl. Nickolas D. Otto, the band’s newest member. “I hope the performance gave the crowd the inspiration they needed.”

As the lights dimmed above the band, the audience’s attention turned toward the sky where brilliant colors and thunderous explosions added the icing to the red, white and blue celebration.



(Pictured) Col. Ronny L. Yowell, commanding officer, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, relinquished command to Col. Christopher C. Conlin June 30 during a ceremony at the Edson Range parade deck on Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. Cpl. Robert Fleagle/Combat Camera



Lance Cpl. Nels C. Brannan received blood after a flash-bang grenade detonated in his hand in Iraq. The new blood allowed Brannan keep four fingers. Lance Cpl. James Green/Chevron

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Brannan said he would have lost his hand without the blood he was given to maintain circulation during the surgery.

NMCS D visits the depot weekly for the recruit blood drive and visits when depot units schedule the time to donate with them. The next time NMCS D will be aboard the depot is Wednesday in the parking lot west of the parade deck.

Whole blood can be donated every eight weeks, and platelets can be donated every two weeks. The blood bank’s main office is located at NMC-SD, Building 2, 1st floor and is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Whether it is to help a Marine, sailor, family member or a complete stranger, donating blood can be a noble act.

“Regardless of your military occupational specialty, we all have a mission,” said Huben. “Our mission is to fight the war on terrorism. Everyone needs to do their part, even if it’s just giving blood to save a Marine’s life. There is nothing negative about saving lives.”

## BRIEFS

### Health expo

A health expo is scheduled to take place Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the fitness center. Feel great to be alive and feel great getting a free massage. Hone your skills at rock climbing, learn about yoga and nutrition. There will be free give-aways and interactive booths. Enjoy the sun and an afternoon out of the office!

For more information, call (619) 524-4427.

### HRO positions available

The Depot’s Civil Service Human Resources Office is currently recruiting for several positions. To be considered, applicants must be within the area of consideration and have their resume in the HRSC-SW “CHARTS” system for the series. The following link will guide applicants in submitting their resume: <http://www.donhr.navy.mil/Jobs/default.asp>. All positions are permanent unless otherwise specified.

### L.I.N.K.S.

Lifestyles, Insights, Networking, Knowledge, Skills is the spouse’s link to the Corps! The next LINKS session is on Saturday, July 29. The session is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Marine Corps Family Team Building Classroom (Building #14), aboard the depot. L.I.N.K.S. provides on-site childcare (reservations required in advance), lunch and other refreshments during the session. Call (619) 524-0916 for more information or to register for the program.

### Motorcycle safety checks

In order to enhance depot safety and to ensure motorcycle operators have completed the required Motorcycle Safety Course, military police here are now conducting random checks for Motorcycle Safety Cards of motorcycle operators stationed aboard the depot.

Motorcycle operators stationed aboard the depot must have their issued cards in possession. Operators no longer in possession of the safety card can contact the Provost Marshall’s Office at (619) 524-4200 for assistance in getting a replacement card.

### Summer camp volunteers needed

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is seeking volunteers for a week-long summer camp from July 16 to 21 at Loyola Marymount University. This summer camp program is especially designed for youth ages 15 to 21 who have been diagnosed with neuromuscular disease. Volunteers partner with campers to assist with activities such as swimming, arts and crafts, outdoor sports and dances. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old. For more information, contact the health care service coordinator, Griselda Perez at (951) 369-0720.

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Cpl. Aaron Rapp toots his horn at the 4th of July parade on Coronado Island.

# Parade

## A 4TH OF JULY PHOTO EXHIBITION BY Staff Sgt. Lorenzo Lopezrocha, Support Battalion

Basic Marine Platoon Marines, injured Marines who have graduated boot camp, but have not been able to proceed to the School of Infantry at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., made a float for the Fourth of July parade in Coronado.

The Marines stacked sand bags on the float and decorated it with banners and signs, according to Pfc. Kevin C. Williams, BMP. The theme on the float was “Uncommon valor was a common virtue,” and it had six of the BMP Marines dressed in World War II combat uniforms who reenacted the flag raising on Mount Suribachi, Iwo Jima.

Marine Band San Diego also got into the act and marched during the parade.



From left, Basic Marine Platoon members Privates First Class Manuel R. Maningas, Cody W. Armstrong, Logan H. Whitson, Nicholes Chiappetta, Brian T. Czechorosky and Kevin C. Williams reenact the Iwo Jima flag raising at the parade.

# Hospice care gives comfort to terminal patients, families

BY MARK JECKER  
*TriWest Healthcare Alliance*

In the last stages of life, care and comfort await patients and their loved ones.

Hospice care fulfills physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs, focuses on maintaining the patient’s quality of life during these final stages and prepares everyone for the dying process, death and the period of bereavement.

Designed to support and comfort individuals of any age who have a potentially terminal condition and a prognosis of six months or less to live, hospice care is a covered benefit for all TRICARE beneficiaries.

Hospice care effectively manages a patient’s symptoms and provides supportive services for patients and their families. Unrelated conditions or injuries, such as the flu or a broken bone, are covered by the regular TRICARE benefit.

## • No Cost to Beneficiary

TRICARE’s hospice benefit covers the full cost of all covered services relating to a terminal illness, except for small cost-share amounts that may be collected by the hospice provider for outpatient drugs and biologicals—medical preparations made from living organisms and their products such as insulin and vaccines—and inpatient respite care.

## • Electing hospice through TRICARE

A beneficiary diagnosed with a terminal illness, or an individual authorized to make decisions for the patient, may elect to utilize the TRICARE hospice benefit. “Election” involves signing a statement with the chosen hospice, which is TRICARE (and Medicare-certified that accepts TRICARE), and agreeing to have the hospice provide all care related to the terminal illness. The patient’s regular physician may still supervise his or her care with the assistance of the Hospice medical director.

For TriWest beneficiaries, the hospice evaluation does not require authorization. All hospice services, however, do require authorization.

## • Duration of coverage

Hospice care is provided in three benefit periods: two 90-day periods and a third comprising an unlimited number of 60-day benefit periods. The TRICARE beneficiary must continue to meet hospice care criteria for all benefit periods.

A TRICARE beneficiary may transfer from one hospice provider to another, one time, during any of the three hospice benefit periods. Such transfers require a signed and dated transfer document.

## • Revocation

Beneficiaries may revoke the hospice election at any time if, for example, they want to try a new treatment method for the terminal condition. A signed and dated revocation is required. They may reelect hospice services as early as the following day.

When the hospice election is formally revoked, the beneficiary may continue using the regular TRICARE program for medical care related to the terminal diagnosis.

For more information call 1-888-TRIWEST (1-888-874-9378), visit [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil) or view and download the Hospice Foundation of America’s brochure, Hospice Care & The Military Family — A Guide to the TRICARE Hospice Benefit, at [www.hospicefoundation.org/hfapublications/brochures](http://www.hospicefoundation.org/hfapublications/brochures).

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The depot color guard lowers the flag during the Sunset Concert here July 8. *Cpl. Nick Galvin/Combat Camera*

# Marine Band San Diego plays big sunset concert

BY STAFF SGT. JEFF JANOWIEC  
AND PFC. ALICIA SMALL  
*Chevron staff*

Music filled the air as the sun went down during the depot's annual Sunset Concert July 8.

Active duty and retired military service members, civilians and recruits from Company E and Special Training Company gathered in front of Pendleton Hall to enjoy the music offered by Marine Band San Diego.

Before the concert began, Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., commanding general of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Western Recruiting Region, recognized all of the groups in attendance. He paid special homage to a few Medal of Honor recipients and praised the action of service members who served in years past.

He also praised service members of the present and future. Brig. Gen. Paxton acknowledged Co. E, the depot's senior company on deck, which was given the special honor of attending the concert. He remarked how proud he was of all the recruits who volunteered for service to their country.

The band, which usually plays patriotic marches for recruit graduation and morning colors ceremonies, played music to the theme of "Music at the Movies."

"It was good to play familiar tunes both the audience and band could relate to," said Cpl. Craig K. Taylor, percussionist. "Playing movie themes is enjoyable because it's not something the band does on a regular basis."

Selections played included songs from Superman,

Pirates of the Caribbean and West Side Story.

During the Pirates of the Caribbean theme song, some of the bandmen put patches over their eyes and raised a Jolly Roger flag to capture the full essence of the music.

Master Sgt. Daniel W. Price, band director, had no idea his Marines, dressed in their dress blue uniforms, were going to don props during the song, according to Cpl. Aaron Rapp, trumpet player.

Rapp said Price was surprised to see the patches. And when the flag went up during the song, he just rolled his eyes back in his head, unable to control the seeming mutiny on stage.

Price mentioned that the band members have a unique sense of humor. The audience expressed their approval with a couple of pirate-style "Arghs."

The Marines on stage transitioned from movie theme songs to a couple of John Phillip Sousa's marches.

Toward the end of the concert, the band struck up "Stars and Stripes Forever," as six Marines from the depot color guard, dressed in World War II combat uniforms, charged to the center of the front row of the audience and reenacted the famous flag raising on Iwo Jima.

As the sun went down, a spotlight silhouetted a Marine trumpet player, Cpl. Jerry M. Williams Jr., who stood atop the depot chapel and played Echo Taps, which brought a solemn and respectful spirit over the gathering.

Already dark and into the night, the American flag lowered, the Marine's Hymn played and the crowd departed with a reverence only Marine Band San Diego could impart.



Company E. recruits sit on the grass in front of Pendleton Hall during the annual Sunset Concert. *Pfc. John Chretien/Combat Camera*



Master Sgt. Daniel W. Price, band director, conducts Marine Band San Diego during the annual Sunset Concert aboard the depot July 8. The theme for this year's concert was "Music at the Movies." *Pfc. John Chretien/Combat Camera*



Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, speaks to a gathered crowd of military service members past and present, civilians and recruits before the start of the Sunset Concert. *Pfc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron*



The Marine Band played music from blockbuster hits such as Superman and West Side Story during the concert. *Cpl. Nick Galvin/Combat Camera*



The Marines raised a Jolly Roger flag, and a few of them wore eye patches during music from Pirates of the Caribbean. *Cpl. Nick Galvin/Combat Camera*



‘It is a privilege and an honor to be a part of any graduation ceremony, especially when my son is in it.’

– Col. Richard W. Schmidt Jr., about his son’s graduation

# ABOUT Schmidt

## Company E grad descends from long line of Marines



Pvt. Richard W. Schmidt III, Platoon 2198, Company E, comes from a family of Richard Schmidts and Marines. Pfc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron

BY PFC. CHARLIE CHAVEZ  
*Chevron staff*

A Company E recruit, with ties three generations deep in the Marine Corps, unexpectedly finds himself following his father and grandfather’s footsteps as one of the few and the proud. Pvt. Richard W. Schmidt III, Platoon 2198, grew up around Marines his entire life.

Col. Richard W. Schmidt Jr., Assistant Wing Commander, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., joined the Marine Corps aviation field after college. Richard W. Schmidt, Korean War veteran, maintained ties with the Marine Corps helping set up Marine Corps Leagues in Colorado after his enlisted service from 1950 to 1954.

“Naturally I’m very proud of him,” said Schmidt. “He has all the qualities that would allow him to succeed.”

Schmidt Jr. was invited to be the parade reviewing officer for his son’s graduation. Both he and his father are honored to attend the illustrious ceremony, where they will welcome Schmidt III into the Marine Corps family.

“It is a privilege and an honor to be a part of any graduation ceremony, especially when my son is in it,” said Schmidt Jr.

Constantly affected by the positive morals of the Marine Corps and its core values of honor, courage and commitment, Schmidt III found himself emulating the ethics of his father and his father’s friends. The fact that he grew up around a single service is one of the reasons the Marine Corps appealed to him.

“I knew that joining the Marines is a very special thing because of my father,” said Schmidt III. “I’m excited to get started in the Marine Corps.”

Growing up in a household where the Marine Corps influenced his daily life, Schmidt III didn’t expect to join the Marine Corps, but after personal deliberation he found himself enlisting.

“I was basically doing nothing,” said Schmidt III. “I was playing in a band, and I worked for a car-repossession company with a friend, but my life wasn’t going anywhere. I guess I just needed somewhere to start.”

Schmidt III’s parents left him with an ultimatum after he graduated high school that ignited his research of the Marine Corps. They told him if he wasn’t going to college he needed to find a job and experience real life first hand, according to Schmidt Jr.

He decided to contact a recruiter and enlisted.

Schmidt Jr. was surprised by his son’s decision. His son didn’t talk about enlisting in the armed services. But, he remembered he had done something similar after graduating college.

“I did the same thing to my father, and I didn’t know I was going to make a career out of the Marine Corps... It’s interesting that he chose to do it on his own. I guess he reminds me of myself.”

Once in boot camp, Schmidt III managed to stay out of the spotlight of his drill instructors and move through recruit training without many problems. With his military background, he managed to understand the importance of reacting without question. The other recruits, who had never experienced a military organization, were not as fortunately disciplined, said Sgt. Jarvis T. Johnson, drill instructor, Co. E.

Joining the Marine Corps and moving into the infantry, Schmidt III looks forward to giving back to the country that gave him the chance to move his life in a positive direction.

“I want to serve my country,” said Schmidt III. “Most Americans take what they have for granted and don’t give back; I was raised to give back.”

After a proud day for his entire family and the passing down of Marine Corps traditions, Schmidt III is planning to take leave and then report to the School of Infantry at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., where he will begin another chapter of his family’s history.

### Colonel Richard W. Schmidt Jr.

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Colonel Richard W. Schmidt Jr. was born October 4, 1955 in Cape Girardeau, Mo. He graduated from Lutheran High School South in St. Louis in 1974 and later earned a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing from Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Mo. and a Masters of Science degree in management from St. Mary College. He was commissioned a second lieutenant after finishing Officers Candidates School in December 1981.

Upon completion of The Basic School in 1982, Schmidt attended flight school in Pensacola, Fla. and was designated a naval aviator in September 1983. Following replacement aircrew training at Helicopter Marine Training Squadron (HMT)-204, Marine Aircraft Group 26, Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C. he was assigned to Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron (HMH)-461 at MCAS New River. His duties included flight line officer and assistant maintenance officer. Schmidt completed a deployment to the

Mediterranean with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron (HMM)-162, 24th Marine Amphibious Unit before returning to HMT-204 as an instructor pilot.

In 1987, Schmidt was ordered to recruiting duty as the officer in charge of the Officer Selection Station in St. Louis. He was recognized as the Officer Selection Officer of the Year in 1989 and, in that same year, was given command of Recruiting Station St. Louis.

After commanding the recruiting station, Schmidt was ordered to HMT-302 at MCAS Tustin, Calif., where he completed transition training in the CH-53E. He was subsequently assigned to HMH-361 in September 1990 and served as the assistant operations officer, assistant maintenance officer, operations officer and aircraft maintenance officer. During this tour Schmidt was deployed to the Persian Gulf with HMM-163, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit. He was designated a weapons and tactics instructor and completed a tour in Okinawa, Japan with HMH-361 as the first CH-53E Aviation Combat Element for the newly reactivated 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit.

In 1993, Schmidt was ordered to

Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron 1 where he served as the CH-53 division head. During this tour, he augmented HMM-264 and the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit in the Adriatic Sea in support of Operation Deny Flight. In 1996, Schmidt attended the United States Army Command & General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kan.








The following year he was selected to attend the Army’s School of Advanced Military Studies earning a Masters of Military Arts & Science in Theater Operations. Upon graduation in 1998, Schmidt was ordered to MAG-16, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, at MCAS Miramar, Calif. He served as the MAG-16 operations officer and executive officer before assuming command in August 2000 of HMH-462, 3rd MAW at MCAS Miramar. In July 2002, Schmidt attended the National War College in Washington D.C. and graduated in June 2003 with a Masters in National Security Strategy.

Following school, Schmidt was deployed to Afghanistan as director of the Afghan Ministry of Defense and General Staff Advisory Team under Combined Forces Command-Afghanistan.

During July 2004, Schmidt reported to 3rd MAW as chief of staff and deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom Jr. Schmidt was reassigned as the assistant wing commander of 3rd MAW in June 2006.

Schmidt is married to the former Lisa Sasso of St. Charles, Mo. They have three children, Catherine, Richard III and Alexander.



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## ECHO COMPANY



Company E drill instructors inspect recruits at the battalion commander’s inspection. All recruits must pass the inspection in order to graduate recruit training. Lance Cpl. James Green/Chevron

### SECOND RECRUIT TRAINING

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\*Pfc. A. E. Hurst  
Pvt. Z. Iqbal  
Pvt. F. W. Jacobs  
Pvt. J. M. Johansen  
Pvt. C. J. Johnson  
Pfc. N. M. Johnson  
Pvt. J. D. Jones  
Pfc. S. L. Kirkland  
Pvt. J. A. Lackie  
Pvt. K. T. Leonard  
\*Pfc. M. J. Lesiewicz  
Pvt. J. D. Lett  
Pfc. C. W. Montgomery

Pvt. J. J. Olivapulido  
Pvt. F. J. Ramirez  
Pvt. P. W. Schaffer  
Pvt. R. I. Garcia  
Pvt. J. Gimble  
Pvt. J. D. Stecki  
Pfc. K. W. Stewart  
Pvt. Z. D. Thompson

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*Senior Drill Instructor*  
Sgt. M. C. Swenson  
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Sgt. G. R. Pond  
Sgt. A. Moreno  
Sgt. N. C. Hibbs  
Sgt. J. A. Lozano

Pvt. J. M. Aery  
Pvt. B. Alexander  
Pvt. R. A. Albright  
Pvt. F. A. Arroyo  
Pvt. J. F. Ballard  
Pvt. P. I. Barnum  
Pfc. A. J. Beebe  
Pfc. R. L. Bevil  
Pfc. R. D. Blocker  
Pvt. J. E. Bosen  
Pvt. J. A. Castillo  
Pfc. E. C. Bruegman  
Pvt. C. J. Campos  
Pvt. M. Cardona  
Pvt. R. M. Castro  
Pvt. D. S. Causey  
Pvt. R. Charensab  
Pfc. P. J. Coniglio  
Pvt. J. J. Cordaro  
Pvt. S. P. Hughes  
Pvt. D. M. Doeden  
Pfc. J. J. Duling

Pvt. W. A. Flores  
Pvt. I. Garcia  
Pvt. R. I. Garcia  
Pvt. J. Gimble  
Pvt. W. K. Good II  
Pfc. R. Guerra  
Pvt. J. T. Hudson  
Pfc. K. K. Jones  
\*Pfc. H. K. Kang  
Pvt. C. A. Laird  
Pvt. J. M. Land  
\*Pfc. C. J. Ledbetter  
Pfc. D. L. Magnusson III  
Pvt. J. J. Patrocinio  
Pfc. J. E. Sullivan  
  
**PLATOON 2097**  
*Senior Drill Instructor*  
Staff Sgt. F. W. Ortega  
*Drill Instructors*  
Staff Sgt. L. G. Brostowski  
Staff Sgt. J. R. Garcia

Pvt. J. Agens  
Pfc. J. C. Alvis  
Pvt. R. B. Beckman  
Pvt. J. A. Henry  
Pvt. K. M. Graham  
Pfc. B. A. Cloyd  
\*Pfc. S. A. Foltermann  
Pfc. C. M. Fox  
Pfc. D. P. Fullmer  
Pvt. L. A. Glazik  
Pvt. J. L. Hamilton  
Pvt. S. Harrington  
Pvt. W. R. Heeren  
Pfc. L. L. Jones  
Pfc. J. T. Katterjohn  
Pfc. R. M. Korth

Pfc. N. R. Lavoy  
Pvt. R. C. Mercado  
Pfc. D. A. Mormino  
Pvt. M. Ostos  
Pvt. C. N. Peterson  
Pvt. D. A. Rehneit  
Pvt. M. R. Revoir  
Pvt. J. M. Schaub  
\*Pfc. D. A. Schott  
Pvt. K. A. Scott  
Pvt. J. A. Silva  
Pvt. R. K. Small Jr.  
\*Pfc. A. R. Smith  
Pfc. D. R. Spillers  
Pvt. R. J. Spriggs  
Pvt. I. W. Spry  
Pvt. P. Tabisz  
Pvt. M. D. Reed  
Pvt. J. R. Williams  
Pvt. N. R. Wilson  
Pvt. D. A. Wring

**PLATOON 2098**  
*Senior Drill Instructor*  
Sgt. J. T. Johnson  
*Drill Instructors*  
Sgt. J. A. Henry  
Sgt. B. M. Graham  
Sgt. H. Ladesma

Pvt. D. A. Baez  
Pfc. S. Cervantes Jr.  
Pvt. C. A. Gammons  
Pvt. J. L. Hamilton  
Pvt. R. L. Kincaid  
Pfc. C. H. Kinders  
Pvt. L. G. Lamunyon III  
Pvt. J. P. Logsdon  
Pvt. J. P. Luke

Pfc. R. J. Mathies  
\*Pfc. T. A. Matt  
Pvt. T. B. McClure  
Pvt. Z. R. Michaels  
Pvt. A. L. Miller  
Pfc. B. W. Musgrave  
Pvt. J. D. Nation  
Pvt. J. M. Obregon  
Pvt. C. T. Odonnell  
Pvt. J. G. Ortiz Jr.  
Pfc. C. P. Overcash  
Pvt. R. P. Pryne  
Pvt. S. M. Parrish  
Pvt. C. M. Paustian  
Pfc. H. A. Penaadame  
Pvt. E. Posadas  
Pfc. R. P. Pryne  
Pfc. J. A. Ramirez Jr.  
Pvt. M. D. Reed  
\*Pfc. J. M. Rhodes  
Pvt. N. R. Wilson  
Pvt. D. A. Wring

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*Senior Drill Instructor*  
Sgt. C. A. Carrier  
*Drill Instructors*  
Sgt. J. C. Opie  
Sgt. R. D. Geske  
Sgt. D. Lochard  
Sgt. R. D. Hubert

Pvt. N. P. Gluba  
Pfc. J. M. Hernandez  
Pvt. J. A. Kudla  
Pvt. S. J. Martz  
Pfc. N. L. McCallum  
Pvt. R. J. McCoy  
Pvt. B. K. McGregor  
Pvt. J. E. McGregor  
Pvt. R. K. Mundy  
Pfc. M. L. Samifua  
Pvt. D. C. Schaedig  
Pvt. J. Serrano  
\*Pfc. J. V. Smith III  
Pfc. D. R. Snell  
Pvt. D. A. Solomon  
Pvt. J. M. Steenburen  
Pvt. C. D. Stewart  
Pfc. M. B. Strunk  
\*Pfc. M. D. Swenson  
Pvt. N. B. Sword  
Pvt. K. K. Sykes  
Pvt. T. C. Sykes  
Pvt. B. L. Thompson  
Pvt. D. S. Tooker  
Pvt. E. M. Ugale Jr.  
\*Pfc. J. A. Velasquez  
Pvt. K. A. Velasquez  
Pvt. K. M. Venable  
Pfc. A. M. Vincent  
Pvt. J. M. Watson  
Pvt. T. H. Watson  
Pvt. J. J. Wisdom  
Pfc. B. J. Wood  
Pvt. J. W. Wright  
Pvt. S. D. Yorko

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# GRIDIRON



Sgt. Dawud H. Hakim, running back for the MCRD Depot Dogs, assumes a three-point stance as he participates in a sprint drill.



Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Kevin Rocha, cornerback for the Depot Dogs, grabs hold of the ball during passing drills. Rocha also plays wide receiver for the new football team. Lance Cpl. James Green/Chevron photos

# DEPOT DOGS READY TO RUN WILD

## *MCRD fields first tackle football team in half century*

BY LANCE CPL. JAMES GREEN  
Chevron staff

**A**fter more than half a century, the depot is hosting a full-contact football team and is scheduled to start the season Aug. 1.

Despite having the necessary resources to start a team available to them, depot occupants have not had a team since the 1950s.

Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., has always invited the depot to compete in the league, but no one wanted to step up and coach at MCRD, said Staff Sgt. Benjamin G. Arre, head coach, MCRD Depot Dogs.

A coach prepared to take the time to attend each practice and find participants to play is necessary to start a team, said Arre.

Arre held tryouts for the MCRD Depot Dogs June 19-22, which resulted in the 37-man team they have

ready to play. The team is made up of Marines, sailors and Coast Guardsmen stationed at the depot.

Arre sees success in the future of the team.

"I expect a real good year," said Arre. "We don't have the biggest players, but they're fast."

Having coached a semi-pro team in Hawaii and a team on Camp Pendleton, Arre has an eye for talent.

Players on the team also predict a good season. Although they haven't played yet, they already have their eyes set on the trophy.

"I think we'll make it to the championship and win," said Cpl. Daniel Soto, tight end for the Depot Dogs.

Tackle football is a good extracurricular activity that gives service members on the depot something constructive to do with their time.

In addition to physical benefits and positive time consumption, awards are given at the end of the season.

Trophies are presented to the most valuable player on the team, the overall best player in the league and, of course, the winning team.

None of the gear or the prizes are paid for by the team members.

All equipment is provided by Marine Corps Community Services here, and pads were distributed by Camp Pendleton at no charge.

"With more than 1,500 service members on this base, it's hard to see why the depot hasn't had a team in so long," said Arre.

The MCRD Depot Dogs suited up and practiced in pads for the first time Monday.

Practices are held daily Monday through Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. on the soccer field. Games are scheduled to run at the 11 Area football field, Camp Pendleton, Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., when the season starts in less than a month.

The depot will play against Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., and several teams from different units on Camp Pendleton.

Having gone more than 50 years without a team, the depot is ready to kick, pass, punt and run their way into the league.